Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 10.- The farmers are busy stripping tobacco, killing hogs and getting in their winter wood.

Quite a few from here attended the Training Union M. Night meeting at Farmville on Monday night.

The various organizations met at church on last Tuesday night for the Prayer Program.

Ruby Richardson spent a Sunday recently with Charlene Ranson.

Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge attended the Home Demonstration meeting at Mrs. Ella Anderson's office last Thursday.

Lewis Dickerson was selling tobacco Tuesday.

Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Mrs. Clara Garrett were visiting the latter's daughter, Mrs. Toby Inge awhile one night last week.

Mrs. Walter Ranson was at the Cannery Tuesday.

A few met at church on Friday night to observe the Week of Prayer for the W. M. S.

Mrs. Glenn McIntosh was in Lynchburg Saturday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge awhile Saturday night.

Here's wishing the Editor and his wife and the readers of The Times-Virginian a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PLANE BRAKES FAIL

Parkerburg, W. Va.- When brakes on a Piedmont Airlines plane failed as it was taxing to a stop near the airport terminal building, the plane plowed through a fence into the building. The co-pilot and four of the 24 passengers aboard the plane suffered minor injuries. The nose of the plane was jammed back a few feet.

The world seems to be waiting for that happy day when the iron curtain will be scrapped and converted to plowshares. —Christian Science Monitor.

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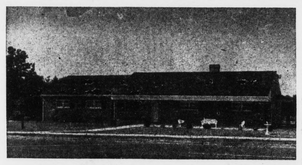

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Cranberry Avocado Salad

1 cup fresh cranberries
1 apple peeled and diced
2 tablespoons sugar
1 grapefruit peeled and sectioned
1 banana diced
1-4 cup nuts
1-2 teaspoon horseradish
2 tablespoons French dressing
Avocados

Chop cranberries, add sugar and allow to stand while remainder of ingredients are prepared. Combine apple, grapefruit, banana and nuts. Mix with cranberries. Blend horseradish with French dressing and pour over fruits. Fill centers of avocados or avocado rings with mixture.

Cranberry Conserve

1 quart cranberries
2-3 cup cold water
2-3 cup boiling water
1-4 pound seeded raisins
1-2 pound English walnut meats
1 orange, thinly sliced and cut in small pieces
1 1-2 pounds sugar

Pick over and wash berries. Add cold water and boil until the skins break. Force through a strainer and add boiling water, seeded raisins, orange and sugar. Again bring to boiling point and simmer 20 minutes. Add nuts. Cool and fill glasses and seal.

Cranberry Tapioca

1 cup sugar
1 cup water
2 cups fresh cranberries
2 tablespoons quick cooking tapioca
Grated rind of 1 orange
Salt
1-2 cup cream whipped

Boil sugar and water together for 5 minutes. Add cranberries, tapioca, grated orange rind and salt. Cook quickly over direct heat, stirring constantly, until cranberry skins pop open. Chill. Then fold in whipped cream.

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

1-3 cup butter
2-3 cup sugar
2 eggs well beaten
2 1-3 cups flour
2 1-3 teaspoons baking powder
1-3 cup milk
1 cup cranberries

Cream butter, add sugar gradually and eggs. Mix and sift flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk to first mixture. Stir in berries. Steam 3 hours. Serve with thin cream, sweetened and flavored with nutmeg.

Cranberry Horseradish Relish

Mix chopped raw cranberries with grated horseradish in proportions of 2-3 cranberries in 1-3 horse radish. Serve with meats.

Cranberry Juice Cocktail

2 cups cranberries
2 cups water
1-4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice or orange juice

Cook the cranberries in water until the skins burst. Put through sieve lined with wet cheesecloth. Add sugar and stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Add lemon and orange juice. Serve cold in small glasses.

Cranberry Ham Slices

3 cups fresh cranberries
1 1-2 cups strained honey
2 slices ham, 3-4 to 1 inch thick
2 tablespoons whole cloves

Mix cranberries and honey. Trim ham. Place 1 slice in baking dish and cover with cranberry, and honey mixture. Top with 2nd slice and cover with remaining cranberry mixture. Stick whole cloves around edges of ham slices. Bake in an oven 350 degrees until tender — about 1 1-2 hours. Baste occasionally with liquid in dish.

Cranberry Sauce and Pork Chops

3-4 cup cranberry sauce
3 slices canned pineapple
3 pork chops
2 tablespoons butter
1-2 teaspoon salt
Pepper

Broil chops as desired. Place the chops on a hot platter, sprinkle with salt and pepper, add butter. Garnish with slices of pineapple and in center of each slice put 1 tablespoon of cranberry sauce.

Spiced Cranberries

Empty No. 2 can cranberry sauce into a saucepan. Mash well and add 1-3 teaspoon cloves, 1-4 teaspoon cinnamon and 1-2 teaspoon grated orange rind. Cook over low heat 5 minutes. Beat smooth. Cool. Spread on hot sponge cake. Roll up. Dust with confectioners sugar.

One of the best rules of thumb is not to stick it in the milk bottle to uncap the milk. —Pekin, Indiana, Banner.

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Oklahoma City.- After receiving his fifth parking ticket, a smart local motorist thought he had figured out a way to avoid arrest and a fine. He changed his auto's license plate numbers with a paint brush. Alert police arrested him anyway.

Famous last line: I told her I had a rich uncle, and now she's my aunt. —The Dothan, Ala., Eagle.

BEE COST $500

Kitchener, Ont.- A bee [illegible] into the car being driven by [illegible] Steeves and, in fighting off the bee, Steeves rammed into a parked car on a city street. He escaped a sting but the damages to both automobiles cost him $500.

Marshall Field leaves $30,000 to charity fund.

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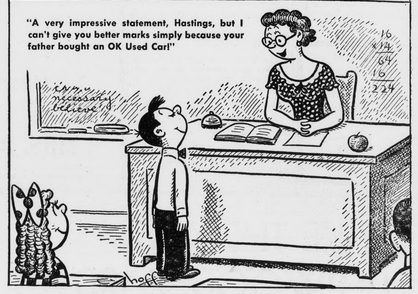

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

There are learned men who, from pride and restraint, from editorial secretary and the cloisters wherein genius operates, can instruct us in the sentimentals associated with Christmas. And there are talented business men who can convince to all us on the necessity of a spending spree to make Christmas worthwhile. Even the Weather Man gets into the spirit of the season and gleefully posts us on prospects of a "White Christmas." No date in all world history has been exploited from so many angles as has December 25. Some seem to think that we overdo it. And some say that the thing to do is to promote it even more because the world sorely needs more observance of the spirit of Christmas. So there is the horn of the dilemma.

As for your "Country Editor," it is my two cents worth that Christmas was, is and will be what you" make it and what it means to "you." I have written in this column for a quarter of a century about all angles of the feelings, the emotions, the beliefs, the oddities, the fixtures and jetsam of our greatest holiday, but today, I have fallen into a mood of wondering what Christmas means to me.

Just below is a picture of your Editor, taken a few years ago, when I had a bit more hair on my head, and more of the one characteristic

. . . . Father Darkleaf (a few years back)

I have sought most in my make-up: wide-eyed belief. I am quite sure that when I was the lad you see in this picture, that I wrote letters to Santa Claus, that I hung my stocking from the mantle over the fireplace, and that I had a child's faith in my world. "The tender years" are precious and they pass all too soon, and now that I am a hardened taskmaster, both of myself and those around me, I wonder if Christmas could once again mean to me the simple and basic things so as to revitalize my outlook on life.

I am doing it in a cumbersome fashion, but what I am saying, perhaps, is that the success of "Christmas for you" is how well you can become as a child again and renew your faith, your adoration of life, and your triumph over life's fretful troubles.

The mighty problem of whether there was or was not a Santa Claus did not worry me on Christmas morn.

The mighty problem of who was to pay for the gifts did not deter me from enjoying my toys. I still have two of those toys from childhood — a spinning top that spins as well as ever it did, and a doll, with home-made clothing, but with only one leg left, because I, boy-like, used it as a horse and dragged it around the house until a leg broke off.

Nor did the problems of health, of money, of one's discharges of his responsibilities to family and business and society at large gain control of the lad pictured in this column. I want to say that my thinking at the moment is that the things that do us in as adults are picked up after "Santa Claus days" and if we are to return to peace of mind, to the attitude of venturesomeness and of wholesome love of every precious moment of life, we will have to, somehow, become as a child again. It seems that I recall that the Blessed Saviour of us all once said something about: What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world, but loses his own soul? And, suppose the truth is, that Christmas really is a chance to get

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Santa Claus Is Coming To Town Saturday

Annual Transco Club Party

The Annual Christmas Party of The Transco Employees Club of Station 17 will be held Friday, December 21, at the Elementary School, beginning at 5:30 P. M., with turkey and all the trimmings, followed by Santa Clause presenting gifts to all employees and their families.

The annual Christmas dance will be held at the American Legion Hall, with Doug Wilson and the Trail Dusters, of Roanoke, Va., furnishing the music. This is to be a private dance and invited guests must present Transco membership cards in order to be admitted to the dance.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF COUNTY LIBRARY

The Appomattox County Library will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26, for the Christmas holiday.

Club Sponsors Basketball Game At A. H. S. Gym Friday Night

Under the sponsorship of the Appomattox Lions Club, the A. H. S. varsity basketball team will play the alumni in a special holiday game here Friday night at the school gym. In a preliminary game, the A. H. S. junior varsity will play the Pamplin team.

The Jayree - Pamplin game will begin at 7:30 P. M., with the varsity-alumni game to follow.

The folowing boys have been invited to play on the alumni team: Richard Holderman, Robert Carter, Maynard Beane, Bill Runkle, Teddy Mitchell, John Rothgeb, Jerry George, J. T. Guill, Pete Baber, Ottoway Guill, Frank Cawthorne, Ray Wingfield, Bill Jamerson, Earl Agee, J. P. Harvey, Leon Paulette, Henry Doss, Robert Leffers, Alton Smith and Ronnie Lewis.

The following boys will compose the Pamplin team: Percy Lucado, Robert Beale, Robert Pankey, Ralph Inge, Douglas Seamster, Douglas Maxwell, Perry Davis, Gene Davis, Gerald Price, Lester Goin, Raymond Dickerson is manager, and Principal Earl Smith is coach.

Tickets are on sale by members of the Lions Club.

BANK SCHEDULE

Banks in the Lynchburg Clearing House Association will be open from 9:00 A. M. until 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 24, and will be closed all day Tuesday, Dec. 25.

SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

The Selective Service Board office here will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, and 31, and on January 1.

Pamplin Man Tops Market

G. C. Maxwell's "break the market" sale of last Thursday of 1,372 pounds of dark tobacco for $712.70 including a 136-pound pile of A1D dark wrappers going for $71, was one of the highlights of the pre-holiday selling season. Maxwell's splendid sale was made at Farmville. The Pamplin grower topped the previous high of $68.

Heavier offerings were reported for the final pre-holiday selling. The volume total ran ahead of the same period of last year.. However, the farmers sustained losses from leaf marked down for being too wet. Too much moisture caused many piles of tobacco to be marked down by the graders.

Appomattox is usually ranked as perhaps the outstanding county in quality dark-fired tobacco in the belt, and Mr. Maxwell has added to this prestige with the sales made this season.

To our many friends both old and new, we wish the joys of the season in fullest measure. May your holidays sparkle with the merriment of good times and good cheer, and glow with the radiance of warm friendships, family and home.

The Publishers & Staff of The Times-Virginian

Santa Claus has accepted an invitation from the Lions Club to visit Appomattox this Saturday, December 22, and will arrive in town by Jeep at 2:00 P. M.

Arrangements have been made to close Main Street to all other traffic during his visit, and an area between the Farmers National Bank and Inge's Dept. Store will be roped off for Santa's headquarters, while he distributes gifts and candy to the children. Railings will be set up along the sidewalk, so that children can be channeled in line for their meeting with the distinguished visitor.

The Appomattox Lions Club has had committees at work on this project for some weeks, included on the committee are: Dr. C. G. O'Brien, J. H. Lucado, Joe Terry, Joe Flenniken, and David T. Robertson. The Transco officials and employees are cooperating with the Lions Club committee.

The annual visit of Santa Claus to Appomattox is a highlight of the Christmas season, and the event has traditionally been sponsored by the Lions Club.

Two Assistant Agents Leave

It was announced this week by Jim Smith, County Agent, that the Assistant County Agent, . E. L. Ayers, has been called to active duty in the U. S. Army. He will report for duty at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Mr. Ayers is a Second Lieutenant. He has been in Appomattox County for six months and has been a leader in 4-H Club and other Extension activities. Mr. Smith highly complimented the services rendered here by Mr. Ayers, and spoke for his many friends in extending best wishes for his future.

At the same time, it was announced that Miss Elizabeth W. Pancake, Assitant Home Agent, is being transferred to Louisa County, where she will assume duties on January 1, as Louisa County Home Demonstration Agent. She has been assistant to Mrs. B. G. Anderson here since June 15.

Christmas Story At Local Church

Under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Jamerson and Mr. Pierce Hamp, the Christmas Story, music and drama entitled, "Unto Us A Savior Is Given" will be presented at Liberty Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. Characters in the presentation will include:

Mary: Mrs. Bobby Mitchell
Joseph: John Cole
Jonah, Inn Keeper: Clarence Poe
The Angel: Inez Ferguson
Shepherds
Mica: Bill Jamerson
Joab: Bobby Mitchell
Samuel: Terry Rogers
Wise Men: Edwin Carter, G. P. Morris and Cawthorn Johnson
Narrator: Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr.

The three choirs of the church, Cherib, Youth and Adult, will participate.

Employees Club Names Officers

The Transco Employees Club of Appomattox met December 14, for the purpose of election of officers for the year 1957. Replacing L. M. Bryant as president of the club is Gilbert Mays. Other officers for the new year are: W. W. Elsey, vice-president; J. A. Gills, secretary; J. D. Layne, treasurer; and D. C. Reid, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The Transco Employees Club of Appomattox is promoted by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation for their employees at Compressor Station No. 17, and Pipe Line Crew No. 7.

BLOODMOBILE HERE ON DECEMBER 27

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox on Thursday, December 27. A goal of 100 pints of blood is for the Red Cross Blood Bank.

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The local post, office will be open Sunday afternoon to serve patrons.